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- Of the 24 domestic murders in Connecticut in 2014, only 7 were with done
 with a firearm (that is less than one third of these murders). The rest of the
 murders were a combination of blunt force trauma, knife wounds and
 strangulation/ neck compressions.
- I would like to express appreciation for the addition of <u>Sec. 11d</u> in this bill which allows for a much timelier reinstatement of permits to carry pistol or revolvers.

*Sources: Connecticut Family Violence 2014 report

*CT Judicial Branch

HB5622

This Bill does immeasurable damage to the concept of erasure of records. What is the point of having records 'legally erased' if the value of doing so is mitigated? Why bother erasing records at all then? This is simply another attempt to vilify guns, and create a new wave of 2nd class citizens and restrict their ability to legally purchase a firearm.

*HB5597

While the executive committee of CCDL has neutral position on this bill, we recognize it is a much better option than HB5054. We appreciate the work that went in to crafting an alternative to the Governor's proposal.

Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state. Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15